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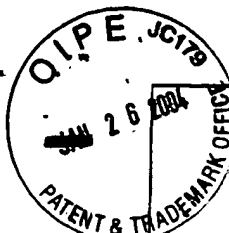
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| Application Number: | |
| Filing Date: | August 26, 2003 |
| Group Art Unit: | N/A |
| Examiner Name: | N/A |

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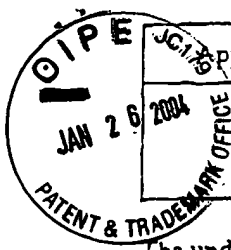
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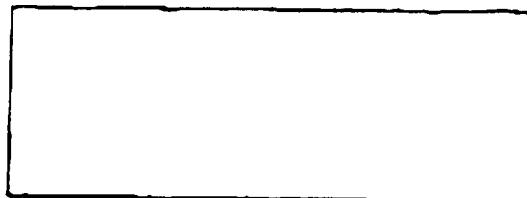
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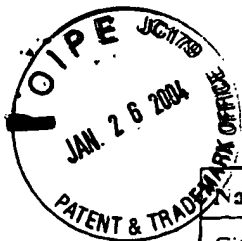
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